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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
Washington, D.C. 20231 Our Ref: 225/50216

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:
Tilman HAUG; Patrick IZQUIERDO; Michael SCHEYDECKER; Oliver
STORZ; Tanja TSCHIRGE and Karl-Ludwig WEISSKOPF
entitled: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A SURFACE LAYER

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 21 claims (pages 1-13,
including specification cover sheet).
2. X Declaration and Power of Attorney (**unexecuted/2 pages**).
3. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37
C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 100 36 264.8, filed
in Germany on July 26, 2000.
4. X Information Disclosure Statement.
5. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee					\$355/710 = \$710.00	
Total Claims	<u>21</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>1</u>	<u>x</u> \$ 9/18 = \$ 18.00
Independent Claims	<u>2</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>0</u>	<u>x</u> \$40/80 = \$
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented						\$135/270 = \$
Total Filing Fee						<u>\$728.00</u>

The filing fee is being deferred.

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